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"Our hurricane protection needs are great in south Louisiana, and these earmarks will help meet some of them," said Rep. Melancon. "The federal funding I requested will also support businesses in our state - particularly the oil and gas industry - by ensuring they have navigable waterways connecting inland ports with the Gulf of Mexico. As an advocate in Congress for my constituents, I will continue working to bring more federal dollars back to south Louisiana to support our hurricane protection and economic needs."

"Moving the Morganza-to-the-Gulf levee project forward remains one of my highest priorities in Congress. Hurricane protection in Lafourche and Terrebonne is not optional; it is critical to the survival of our coastal communities and we must continue fighting for it."

Levee Projects

\$2,000,000 to upgrade the Larose to Golden Meadow Levee System. This funding will go toward upgrading this ring levee system to help provide a 100-year level of hurricane protection to the communities located along Bayou Lafourche between Larose and Golden Meadow.

\$400,000 to study the proposed Donaldson to the Gulf Levee System. This earmark will fund a feasibility study for a project to reduce the risk of flooding from coastal storm surge and rainfall, and to prevent further economic losses and environmental damage in the Barataria Basin.

\$5,834,000 to continue levee improvements in the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway. This funding will support continued construction of the Atchafalaya Basin project, a leveed floodway about 15 miles wide and 110 miles long that extends from Old River, LA, to the Gulf of Mexico. The principal role of the Atchafalaya Basin floodway is to convey half of the Mississippi River and Tributaries floodwaters safely to the Gulf of Mexico. The project contains 449 miles of

levees. Continuing construction of levee improvements is critical to protect the lives of thousands of people and critical hurricane evacuation infrastructure.

Navigational Channel Dredging

\$11,640,000 for dredging the navigational channel on the Atchafalaya River & Bayous Chene, Boeuf, and Black. This appropriation will be used to dredge and maintain the navigational channel between the Gulf of Mexico and rig fabrication and oil service facilities in the Amelia area, east of Morgan City. The channel in the Atchafalaya River is critical to the Port of Morgan City. The river system provides export access for the area's offshore oil and gas products and import access for raw materials.

\$2,569,000 for maintenance and dredging of Houma Navigational Canal. This funding will be used to maintain and dredge the Houma Navigation Canal, which extends 38 miles from the GIWW in Houma to the Gulf of Mexico.

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